

Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Partnerships workshops deadline

The registration deadline for the 2004 “Identifying and Creating Partnerships” workshops is Monday, January 12, 2004. Participants will discuss how to plan for and evaluate potential partnerships, review and practice communication skills necessary to effective partnerships, and apply concepts to possible partnerships in their own communities.

Session dates are as follows:

- Columbia Public Library – January 21
- The Library Center, Springfield-Greene County Library – January 23
- University City Public Library – January 27
- Trails West Branch, Kansas City Public Library – January 29

For more information and to register, go to:

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/partnerships/>.

Winter Institute enrollment reminder

If you are interested in attending the 2004 Winter Institute, you must enroll by Friday, January 16, 2004. This year the State Library is offering one session of basic library skills, one session of advanced skills, and one session of technology skills. The institute is scheduled for February 3-6, 2004.

Registration for the Winter Institute is available on the Missouri State Library Web site, at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/winterinstitute2004/>. For more information, contact Patrice Vale, library development consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 13, or via e-mail at patrice.vale@sos.mo.gov.

E-mail address change for State Library employees

The Missouri Secretary of State’s Office has changed the format of all employee e-mail addresses, including the staff at the Missouri State Library. The new e-mail addresses for MOSL staff will be “firstname.lastname@sos.mo.gov.” A complete staff listing and can be found at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/staff.asp>. The old e-mail addresses will continue to work until June 30, 2004.

MOREnet January 2004 training addition

A class was inadvertently omitted from the January 2004 MOREnet Training Update announcement. In addition to the classes listed, Networking 101 (Poplar Bluff) will be offered on January 29, 2004. The most complete and up-to-date MOREnet training schedule can be found on the Web at <http://www.more.net/training/schedule.html>.

Missouri Senior Rx materials now available in public libraries

The high cost of prescription medication burdens many older Missourians. The Missouri Senior Rx Program, available through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), serves individuals age 65 and older who are living on a fixed income but not eligible for Medicaid. After meeting a deductible based on income, the program can cover 60% of eligible drug costs for those individuals that qualify.

In an effort to promote the service to all eligible Missourians, DHSS is sending a packet of Senior Rx materials to every public library in the state. The packet will include a Senior Rx poster, brochures, applications, and a cover letter explaining the program. The Senior Rx office asks that libraries display the materials through February 28, 2004, the deadline for applications.

For more information about Missouri Senior Rx and downloadable applications, visit <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/MoSeniorRx/> or contact Charisse Pappas or Jan Sealock at (866) 256-3937.

PLA launches e-Learning@PLA

The Public Library Association recently announced the launch of its online education program, e-Learning@PLA. The new PLA online learning format is designed to help users learn more efficiently and to facilitate ease of collaboration between colleagues and instructors.

The first course offered will be "Creating Policies for Results," based upon the ALA publication, "Creating Policies for Results – From Chaos to Clarity." Participants will learn how to produce useable policies tailored to their individual libraries. The curriculum features interactive exercises, collaborative work, and online chats with instructors and colleagues.

The cost is \$395 for PLA members, \$450 for ALA members, and \$495 for nonmembers. Interested parties should contact the PLA office at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5752, or go to <http://www.pla.org>.

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